

U.S. CITIZEN SERVICES

U.S. Embassy – Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Warden Message – Election-Related Demonstrations/Violence November 26, 2010

This is to remind citizens that in the days preceding and following the second round of the presidential elections on November 28, 2010, there is a high probability of demonstrations and potential for violence. The U.S. Embassy in Abidjan is limiting official travel to election-related activities before and after the elections, and limiting non-essential movements of employees on election day and in the days that immediately follow. The Embassy is advising its employees to be cautious when traveling within Abidjan, and not to travel outside of the city at night. We strongly urge U.S. citizens to follow similar precautions.

It is also important that each U.S. citizen in Cote d'Ivoire think about personal contingencies for sheltering in place if that becomes necessary. Stock sufficient supplies of water, food, medicines, basic necessities, fuel and provisions to last several days. Stay current on media coverage of local events, and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Please read the State Department's most recent Travel Warning for Cote d'Ivoire published October 20, 2010, at: http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_915.html

You can stay in touch, and ensure that your contact and personal information is up-to-date by enrolling in the Smart Travelers Enrollment Program (STEP). Get Embassy updates by checking the Consular pages on the U.S. Embassy Abidjan website at <http://abidjan.usembassy.gov/travelregist.html>. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to Abjamcit@state.gov. In emergencies and for urgent security matters, you can call the Embassy switchboard at 225-22-49-40-00; the emergency after-hours telephone is: +225-22-49-44-50.

The U.S. Embassy is located in the Riviera Golf neighborhood of the Cocody section of Abidjan, east of the downtown area. The Embassy's postal address is 01 B.P. 1712 Abidjan 01.